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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1.-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method of wirelessly tethering one or more devices to one another, comprising:

provising wireless communication between at least one device to at least one other device;

determining if the at least one device and the one other device have exceeded at least one predefined distance;

if the at least one predefined distance has been exceeded, then providing informational instructions on the at least one other device to a user thereof; and

further comprising determining if the at least one predefined distance has been exceeded due to a loss of communication therebetween by dynamically switching between a plurality of communication modes to reestablish communication between the at least one device and the at least one other device.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the plurality of communication modes comprise radio, optical, cellular, infrared, and combinations thereof.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein dynamically switching comprises scanning between two or more wireless communication channels.

Claim 8. (Canceled)

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Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8,~~ A method of wirelessly tethering one or more devices to one another, comprising:

 providing wireless communication between at least one device to at least one other device;

 determining if the at least one device and the one other device have exceeded at least one predefined distance; and

 if the at least one predefined distance has been exceeded, then providing informational instructions on the at least one other device to a user thereof; wherein wirelessly tethering one or more wireless devices to one another comprises wirelessly tethering a plurality of the wireless devices such that each of the plurality of wireless devices is in communication with at least one other of the plurality of wireless devices; wherein the plurality of wireless devices comprises a group of wireless devices that interact such that the group of wireless devices has a wireless tether therebetween and another wireless tether between the group of devices and another device not part of the group of devices.

Claim 10.-20. (Canceled)

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 21. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein the informational instructions comprise alarms, sounds, displays, vibration sequences, and combinations thereof.

Claim 22. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein the informational instructions are sounds configured to direct one or more animals to move within the at least one predefined distance.

Claim 23. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the sounds comprise sounds that instruct the animals to move toward or away from a location.

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Claim 24. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein determining if the group of wireless devices and the one other device have exceeded the at least one predefined distance comprises determining if the group of wireless devices has exceeded a predefined group boundary.

Claim 25. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the informational instructions comprise directional instructions, emergency instructions, movement instructions, position instructions, activity instructions, and combinations thereof.

Claims 26. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein each of the group of devices comprise a predefined distance from at least one other of the group of devices.

Claim 27. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the informational instructions comprise alarms, sounds, displays, vibration sequences, and combinations thereof, that convey meaning to the user responsive to the informational instructions.